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REMARKS

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1. The following troops and materiel from the Flak Kaserne were entrained at the Wismar railroad station on 25 September 1953:

At about 10:30 a.m., 7 jeeps, including 3 jeeps mounting machine guns; 3 radio trucks, 1 ambulance, 4 trucks towing field kitchens, 6 trucks towing 57-mm AT guns, 24 trucks, each occupied by 20 EM wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets; 2 SU-76 guns, 2 sedans, and 1 sidecar motorcycle; and, at about 11 a.m., 2 radio trucks, 6 jeeps, including 4 jeeps mounting machine guns, 6 trucks towing 57-mm AT guns, 3 trucks towing field kitchens, 3 trucks, each towing 2 x 82-mm mortars, 1 truck loaded with fuel, 2 trucks loaded with ammunition, 18 trucks, each occupied by 20 EM wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, and 1 sidecar motorcycle.

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2. Prior to 18 September, the Flak Kaserne was heavily occupied. Beginning in late August, there uniformed women wearing black-bordered crimson and red-bordered black epaulets with olive-drab collar patches, blue or brown skirts and black berets. Between 23 August and 18 September, about 350 to 400 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, armed with carbines, antitank guns and heavy machine guns, and organized in columns of about company strength daily left the installation toward the airfield and returned between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. During the period under review, about 70 troops almost daily engaged in marksmanship training with rifles in the Koepernitztal training area. On 10 September, noises of tank engines were heard from the south section of the training area; firing of carbines was heard during the night on 11 September and reports of heavy machine guns were heard on 17 September. Motor vehicles seen en route to and from the installation

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3. In early September, [] an engineer equipment depot on Stalinstrasse. About 100 to 120 factory-new large pneumatic rafts, about 25 to 30 flat, wide, wooden boats, [] pontoons, and three piles, 3 meters high, of large slabs, 5 x 5 meters, were seen in the depot. 50X1-HUM
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4. During the period under review, [] the by-pass road, which was under construction at Wismar between Highways Nos 105 and 106, was built as a two-lane road with a green strip in the middle. The section between Highway No 106 and the former Infanterie Kaserne was completed. The road was to ease traffic in the town of Wismar. 50X1-HUM
5. Beginning 6 September, Soviet officers and EM in Wismar were permitted to leave the installations until 8 p.m. on Sundays, visit German restaurants and consume alcoholic beverages. The measure alarmed the local population as it was generally feared that excesses of drunken soldiers might occur. 50X1-HUM
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- Comment. According to the composition of the shipments, units of the 238th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div were entrained. 50X1-HUM
According to reports on transportation, a total of five trains were entrained in Wismar and went to Wudicke. 50X1-HUM
The bulk of the troops of the Wismar post, i.e. the above-mentioned regiment and the 199th Gds Gun Arty Regt of the division, probably left for exercises. The information does not indicate any change in the occupation of the Flak Kaserne prior to 18 September. 50X1-HUM
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